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Department of Justice to present public education forums statewide during National Consumer Protection Week, March 1-7

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Department of Justice will sponsor several informational public forums across Delaware next week in conjunction with 2009 National Consumer Protection Week. Each Delaware program will focus on identity theft, charity fraud, and common consumer scams, all crimes that have seen an increase across the First State. The presentations will take place:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Host Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, March 2	12:30 p.m.	Georgetown Cheer Center	546 S. Bedford Street, Georgetown
Tuesday March 3	2:00 p.m.	Ingleside Retirement Apartments	1005 N. Franklin Street, Wilmington
Wednesday, March 4	10:15 a.m.	Modern Maturity Center	1121 Forrest Avenue, Dover
Thursday, March 5	2:00 p.m.	Cokesbury Village	726 Loveville Road, Hockessin
Friday, March 6	10:30 a.m.	Newark Senior Center	200 White Chapel Drive, Newark

Each presentation will last approximately one hour and will be led by a Deputy Attorney General from the Department's Consumer Protection Unit. Participant questions will be encouraged. Each presentation is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

"Consumer Protection Week provides an important opportunity to educate consumers about how to guard themselves against fraud and protect their financial security," stated Timothy Mullaney, Director of the Delaware Department of Justice Fraud and Consumer Protection Division. "We encourage consumers of all ages to attend these interactive programs, learn to recognize the warning signs of common scams, and prevent themselves and their families from becoming victims."

Delaware consumers are urged to report suspected scams or fraudulent solicitations to the Department's Consumer Protection Unit by calling (toll-free) 1-800-220-5424, e-mailing consumer.protection@state.de.us, or visiting the web at www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov.

Learn more about National Consumer Protection Week by visiting www.consumer.gov/ncpw

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